

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

The attached 2 sheets of drawings include changes to Figs. 1-4. These two (2) sheets, which include Figs. 1-4, replace the original sheets including Figs. 1-4. In Figs. 1 and 2, descriptive labels for the boxes have been provided. In Fig. 4, reference numeral 25 has been changed to 29.

Remarks

This Preliminary Amendment cancels without prejudice original claims 1 to 5 in the underlying PCT Application No. PCT/DE03/00768 and adds new claims 6 to 10. The new claims conform to U.S. Patent and Trademark Office rules and do not add new matter to the application.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.125, the Substitute Specification (including the Abstract, but without the claims) contains no new matter. The amendments reflected in the Substitute Specification (including the Title and Abstract) are to conform the Specification and Abstract to U.S. Patent and Trademark Office rules or to correct informalities. As required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 and § 1.125, a Marked Up Version Of The Substitute Specification comparing the Specification of record and the Substitute Specification also accompanies this Preliminary Amendment. In the Marked Up Version, underlining indicates added text and "strike-throughs" and double-brackets indicate deleted text. Approval and entry of the Substitute Specification (including Abstract) is respectfully requested.

The underlying PCT Application No. PCT/DE03/00768 includes an International Search Report, dated August 13, 2003. The Search Report includes a list of documents that were uncovered in the underlying PCT Application.

Applicants assert that the subject matter of the present application is new, non-obvious, and useful. Prompt consideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

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